

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 3 is a timing chart illustrating the relationship among the position of the continuous paper 20, the frictionally transporting drive rollers 26, and the buffer portion 28 at the time of a printing stop. As shown, the pair of drive rollers 26 transport the paper by a greater amount by one inch (25 mm) from a rear end of the page of the print until the motor is stopped, and the pair of driver rollers 26 then stop. After stopping, the drive roller 26 is reversely rotated, the buffer portion 28 is driven slightly ~~faster~~earlier than the timing for returning the continuous paper 20, and the driving of the buffer portion 28 is stopped slightly ~~slower~~later than the timing at which the drive roller 26 stops its reverse rotation.